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bills consistent. I would ask for adoption of this amendment at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Any discussion? There appears to be none. Senator Vrtiska, closing? Closing is waived. Question is the adoption of the Vrtiska amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Vrtiska's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Vrtiska amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska, to open.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. LB 144A is, of course, the appropriation bill that appropriates \$250,000 in each fiscal year 1995 and '96, and again in '96 and '97, to the Department of Economic Development for these partnership grants as were called for in LB 144. Of course, this is the funding level that's been recommended by the Governor. Appropriations in LB 144A will be used entirely for state aid. Existing DED staff will handle administration of the grant program, so the funds will go entirely for grants. And, as we indicated when the bill was brought out, none of it is going to be used for administration. I'd ask for the advancement of LB 144A so it can keep up with the main bill, 144, LB 144. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Any discussion on the advancement of LB 144A? Seeing none, question is, shall LB 144A be advanced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: (Microphone not activated immediately.)
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SPEAKER WITHEM: Question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.